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SUBJECT: ALLEGED U.S. CIT MERCENARIES REPORTEDLY DEAD

PRESIDENT SOMOZA INFORMED AMBASSADOR THIS AFTERNOON (SEPT 8),
AND WE HAVE HEARD SAME REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES IN THE GN,
THAT AN AIRCRAFT PILOTTED BY GN GENERAL ALEGRETT WITH "THREE
US CITIZENS ABOARD," CRASHED IN LAKE NICARAGUA SOUTH OF RIVAS AND
THAT ALL ABOARD ARE DEAD. GEN. ALEGRETT'S PASSENGERS REPORT-
EDLY ARE MICHAEL DICK ECHANIS AND CHARLES WILFORD SANDERS,
TWO OF THE ALLEGED AMERICAN MERCENARIES WORKING FOR THE GUARDIA
NACIONAL. THE THIRD DEAD PASSENGER WAS BOBBY LEE, A SOUTH
VIETNAMESE WHO, WE UNDERSTAND, WAS RECRUITED AT FORT BRAGG,
NORTH CAROLINA. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER LEE WAS A NATURALIZED
AMERICAN CITIZEN OR NOT. ONLY CHARLES WILFORD SANDERS IS
REGISTERED AT THIS EMBASSY SINCE HE WAS ISSUED A PASSPORT ON
APRIL 6, 1978. INFORMATION ON NEXT OF KIN IS FATHER DR. W.
SANDERS, RT. 2, BOX 2, OREGON. CONOFF ATTEMPTING
TO LOCATE NEXT OF KIN INFORMATION ON ECHANIS. CORRESPONDING
DEATH NOTIFICATION TO NEXT OF KIN WILL BE SENT
BY EMBASSY.
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